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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GREEN ET AL

Examiner

Scott M. Collins

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 examined.
2. It is hereby acknowledged that the following papers have been received and placed of record in the file: Amendment on 03/23/2005.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The arguments pertain solely to the newly added matter and claims and the newly formulated below addresses these claims as such.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nocek et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,587,782 (herein referred to as Nocek).

6. Referring to claims 1 and 17, Nocek has taught a method for providing information regarding a point of interest, comprising:

- a. receiving a query containing at least one location code (Nocek column 3, lines 20-35);
- b. searching a database for location information using said a location code regarding a point of interest, wherein said location code includes location and categorical information

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about said point of interest (Nocek figures 2-5, database 162; column 3, line 36 – column 4, line 19); and

c. returning matching information to a client (Nocek column 3, line 36 – column 4, line 19; figures 10-11).

7. Referring to claim 2, Nocek has taught the method further comprising:

d. sending said matching information to an application server (Nocek column 3, line 36 – column 4, line 19; figures 10-11);

e. receiving a re-direct request from said client (Nocek figure 6; column 7, lines 16-38 where the destination of the response is re-routed to a new location.); and

f. connecting said client with a location specified in said re-direct request (Nocek figure 6; column 7, lines 16-38 where the destination of the response is re-routed to a new location.).

8. Referring to claim 3, Nocek has taught the method wherein said matching information includes one or more street addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, and universal resource locators (Nocek figure 4; column 5, line 48 – column 6, line 17).

9. Referring to claim 4, Nocek has taught the method, wherein a location server, coupled to said database, receives said query (Nocek figures 2-5, database 162; column 3, line 36 – column 4, line 19).

10. Referring to claim 5, Nocek has taught the method, wherein said database includes said information and said at least one location code (Nocek figures 2-5, database 162; column 3, line 36 – column 4, line 19).

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11. Referring to claims 6, 15, and 20, Nocek has taught the method further comprising displaying said location code on a map (Nocek figures 10-11).

12. Referring to claims 7, 14, and 19, Nocek has taught the method wherein said categorical information defines said point of interest as one of a restaurant, hotel, museum, OR automatic teller machine (Nocek figure 7 where only one of the item in the list is required to read on the claim since “or” is used instead of “and” which would require all of the items in the list to be present.) wherein the location code is numerical (Nocek figure 7 where the street address uses numerical data).

13. Referring to claims 8 and 16, Nocek has taught the method wherein said query is received via one of the Internet or telephone (Nocek figure 1; column 3, lines 6-19).

14. Referring to claim 9, Nocek has taught the method wherein said location code includes four attributes: a zone ID, a category, a sub-category, and a unique identifier (Nocek figure 4; column 5, line 48 – column 6, line 17).

15. Referring to claim 10, Nocek has taught the method wherein said query identifies a wildcard as a substitute for at least one of said four attributes (Nocek column 3, lines 20-35; figure 4; column 5, line 48 – column 6, line 17).

16. Referring to claims 11-12 and 18, Nocek has taught the method wherein said matching information includes a visual display of said point of interest (Nocek figures 10-11).

17. Referring to claim 13, Nocek has taught the method further comprising providing a menu driven interface to allow said client to enter said query (Nocek figures 6-8).

Conclusion

18. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott M. Collins whose telephone number is 571.272.3934. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on 571.272.6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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